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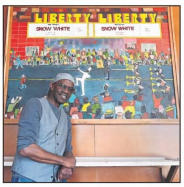

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Spectrum Health recently announced plans for a merger with Southfield-based Beaumont Health. The combined health care system is expected to become official in the fall.

Spectrum, Beaumont to merge services

Officials call for combined health system, new name

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Spectrum Health officials announced Thursday morning their intent to merge with Southfield-based Beaumont Health by this fall.

The merger would allow the two entities to become a combined system that would operate 22 hospitals and 305 outpatient locations, with more than 64,000 team members, including more than 7,500 affiliated, independent and employed physicians, and more than 15,000 nurses. Spectrum operates the Spectrum Health Lakeland system in Berrien County.

"Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health are leaders in our respective markets, and by bringing together our organizations to create a new system, we have the opportunity to deliver greater value in high-quality and affordable health care to our communities," Spectrum Health President and CEO Tina Freese Decker said in a news release. "Together, we can provide a more personalized experience that prioritizes individuals' health, while also attracting and retaining great talent to our vibrant communities."

Pending the adoption of an overall branding plan, the temporary legal name of the new organization is "BHSH System."

The BHSH System will work to determine a path forward that honors both legacy brands and engage physicians, team members, donors and the community in that process, according to the news release.

Freese Decker said in a media briefing Thursday that with the health systems being in two distinct parts of the state, without much overlap, she doesn't expect any closures or layoffs to occur.

She said community outreach efforts, like the Veggie Van that Spectrum Health Lakeland provides, will all continue.

"Lakeland is a very strong part of this new system," Freese Decker said. "Funds raised in the Lakeland area will remain local and the medical staffs will remain local. We are very proud of Lakeland and all that they have brought to our system."

Lakeland Health merged with Spectrum Health in 2018.

Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, told The Herald-Palladium on Thursday that local officials are excited about the possibility of combining the two organizations.

"Although it will not have a direct impact on our local community, clinical teams, or leadership, it will focus more attention and resources on transforming health care," he said. "We are working every day to make the care we provide exceptional, personalized and affordable. We believe this partnership will help accelerate that journey across the state."

The new BHSH System will be governed by a new systemwide board of directors. The 16-member board will include: seven seats appointed by Beaumont Health, seven seats appointed by Spectrum Health, the president and CEO of the new system, and a new board member to be appointed following the creation of the new system. The

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SWMI gets help ahead of Palisades closure

EPA to send $970K grant for economic recovery strategy

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COVERT — Southwest Michigan got a boost from the federal government this week in anticipation of the Palisades Power Plant next spring.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration is awarding a $969,261 grant to the Southwestern Michigan Commission to develop an economic recovery strategy ahead of the closure, according to a news release.

The grant will be matched with $242,316 in state and local funds.

"As the plant prepares to close in 2022, this EDA grant will help ensure a smooth transition, safely shut down the plant's daily operations, and create new jobs in the process," U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, said in the release.

Palisades employs about 600 workers and has operated on the shores of Lake Michigan since 1971.

The project is being funded under EDA's Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities program. Closures of nuclear power plants throughout the United States have had a significant impact on the economic foundations of surrounding communities through sudden job losses and a reduction to the local tax base, according to the release.

The EDA has a strong history of working with communities facing structural economic adjustments, including those impacted by nuclear power plant closures.

Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo said the Biden

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Berrien OKs bridge, road improvement projects

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County commissioners approved two bridge and three road improvement projects Thursday to be partially paid for with state and federal funding.

But plans to reconstruct Red Arrow Highway from Harbert to Sawyer roads in Chikaming Township didn't pass without some controversy. Besides reconstruction work, plans call for the section to be reduced from four to three lanes.

Commissioner Ezra Scott said he objected to the reduction in the number of lanes for safety reasons.

"This is an evacuation route for the Cook Nuclear Center," he said. "God forbid if we ever had a problem."

Commissioner Michael Majerek said he has seen first-hand how reducing the number of lanes from four to three is helpful. He said he used to have an office in downtown Niles that overlooked Main Street, a four-lane highway.

"There was not a day that I didn't jump up and look outside to see why somebody was screeching their brakes," he said.

Majerek said after the street was turned into a three-lane road, the number of near accidents stopped.

"Now, it's a lot calmer. It's a lot easier to turn and get around. It saved countless accidents," he said.

Another objection Scott said he had was over the process. He said the plans for Red Arrow Highway were unveiled during a public meeting in Chikaming Township.

"The part that I have a problem with and I think our entire board had a problem with is we weren't notified first," he said. "We were notified after the fact."

Since that meeting, Ezra said the county has been asked to approve parts of the project, but commissioners haven't seen the plans in its entirety.

The project passed 10-2, with Scott and Commissioner Don Meeks voting against it.

Administrator Brian Dissette said the county's Road Department will soon give a presentation explaining all of the planned projects on Red Arrow Highway.

Other projects

The other two road projects and two bridge projects were approved with no discussion.

The cost to mill and repave Washington Avenue from

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Michigan lifts indoor capacity limits, mask requirements

By DAVID EGGERT and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan will lift all indoor capacity restrictions and mask requirements next week, 10 days sooner than planned amid vaccinations and plummeting COVID-19 infections, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Thursday.

The state's main coronavirus order will expire at the end of Monday instead of July 1, bringing an end to mandatory 50 percent occupancy limits inside restaurants, gyms and entertainment venues and at indoor events like weddings and funerals. Unvaccinated teen athletes will no longer have to undergo weekly coronavirus testing.

The move came days after California and New York lifted most of their remaining restrictions, joining other states in opening the way, step by step, for what could a close-to-normal summer.

"Today is a day that we have all been looking forward to, as we can safely get back to normal day-to-day activities and put this pandemic behind us," Whitmer, a Democrat, said in statement issued 15 months after she first signed emergency orders to control the coronavirus. "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the medical experts and health professionals who

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Vendors Milt and Chris Stainbrook, owners of C2 Treasures, set up their tent on June 11 during the opening of the Hartford Strawberry Festival, held at Ely Park in downtown Hartford. The annual festival returned after being canceled last year due to the pandemic.

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'Obamacare' survives: Supreme Court dismisses big challenge

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, though increasingly conservative in makeup, rejected the latest major Republican-led effort to kill the national health care law known as "Obamacare" on Thursday, preserving insurance coverage for millions of Americans.

The justices, by a 7-2 vote, left the entire Affordable Care Act intact in ruling that Texas, other GOP-led states and two individuals had no right to bring their lawsuit in federal court. The Biden administration says 31 million people have health insurance because of the law, which also survived two earlier challenges in the Supreme Court.

The law's major provisions include protections for people with existing health conditions, a range of no-cost preventive services, expansion of the Medicaid program that insures lower-income people and access to health insurance markets offering subsidized plans.

"The Affordable Care Act remains the law of the land," President Joe Biden, said, celebrating the ruling. He called for building further on the law that was enacted in 2010 when he was vice president.

Also left in place is the law's now-toothless requirement that people have health insurance or pay a penalty. Congress rendered that provision irrelevant in 2017 when it reduced the penalty to zero.

The elimination of the penalty had become the hook that Texas and other GOP-led states, as well as the Trump administration, used to attack the entire law. They argued that without the mandate, a pillar of the law when it was passed, the rest of the law should fall, too.

And with a Supreme Court that includes three appointees of former President Donald Trump, opponents of "Obamacare" hoped a majority of the justices would finally kill the law they have been fighting for more than a decade.

But the third major attack on the law at the Supreme Court ended the way the first two did, with a majority of the court rebuffing efforts to gut the law or get rid of it altogether.

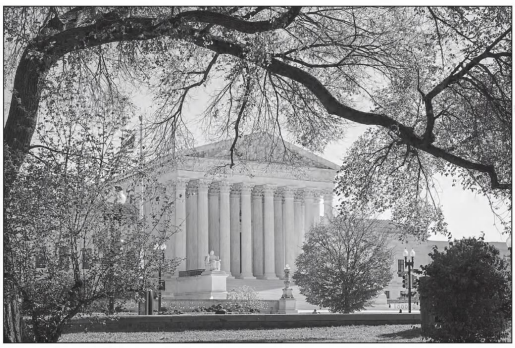
Trump's appointees – Justices Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh – split their votes. Kavanaugh and Barrett joined the majority. Gorsuch was in dissent, signing on to an opinion from Justice Samuel Alito.

Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the court that the states and people who filed a federal lawsuit "have failed to show that they have standing to attack as unconstitutional the Act's minimum essential coverage provision."

In dissent, Alito wrote, "Today's decision is the third installment in our epic Affordable Care Act trilogy, and it follows the same pattern as installments one and two. In all three episodes, with the Affordable Care Act facing a serious threat, the Court has pulled off an improbable rescue." Alito was a dissenter in the two earlier cases in 2012 and 2015, as well.

Another victory at the Supreme Court for religious groups

By JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press



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The Supreme Court is seen on Nov. 3, 2020, in Washington.

WASHINGTON — In another victory for religious groups at the Supreme Court, the justices on Thursday unanimously sided with a Catholic foster care agency that says its religious views prevent it from working with same-sex couples. The court said the city of Philadelphia wrongly limited its relationship with the group as a result of the agency's policy.

The ruling was specific to the facts of the case, sidestepping bigger questions about how to balance religious freedom and anti-discrimination laws. Instead, the outcome turned on the language in the city's foster care contract. Three conservative justices would have gone much further, and LGBTQ groups said they were relieved that the decision was limited.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for a majority of the court that Catholic Social Services "seeks only an accommodation that will allow it to continue serving the children of Philadelphia in a manner consistent with its religious beliefs; it does not seek to impose those beliefs on anyone else."

Roberts concluded that Philadelphia's refusal to "contract with CSS for the provision of foster care services unless it agrees to certify same-sex couples as foster parents ... violates the First Amendment."

Roberts noted that no same-sex couple has ever asked to work with Catholic Social Services, which is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If that were to happen, that couple would be referred to one of the more than 20 other agencies that works with same-sex couples, Catholic Social Services has said.

"For over 50 years, CSS successfully contracted with the City to provide foster care services while holding to these beliefs," said Roberts, one of seven members of the court who is Catholic or attended Catholic schools.

Because of its beliefs, the Catholic agency also does not certify unmarried couples.

In recent years, religious groups have been delighted by victories at the court, often by wide margins. That includes cases in which the court lifted a ban on state aid to religious schooling, gave religious schools greater leeway to hire and fire teachers and allowed a cross to remain on public land. More recently, the court repeatedly sided with religious groups in fights over coronavirus restrictions.

Philadelphia learned in 2018 from a newspaper reporter that Catholic Social Services would not certify same-sex couples to become foster parents. The city has said it requires the foster care agencies it works with not to discriminate as part of their contracts. The city asked Catholic Social Services to change its policy, but the group declined.

As a result, Philadelphia stopped referring additional children to the agency. Catholic Social Services sued, but lower courts sided with Philadelphia.

In coming to the conclusion that Philadelphia had acted improperly, Roberts said the city gave Catholic Social Services a choice between "curtailing its mission or approving relationships inconsistent with its beliefs."

He also pointed to language in the city's standard foster care contract. The contract says that agencies cannot reject prospective foster or adoptive parents based on their sexual orientation "unless an exception is granted." Because the city created a process for granting exemptions, it cannot then deny Catholic Social Services an exemption, Roberts concluded.

The case's outcome was similar to a 2018 decision in which the court sided with a Colorado baker who would not make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. That decision, too, was limited to the specific facts of the case and dodged bigger issues of how to balance religious freedom and anti-discrimination laws. But the court has grown more conservative since that ruling.

In "both cases the court reached narrow, very fact-specific decisions that leave non-discrimination laws and policies standing and fully enforceable by governments," said Leslie Cooper, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union LGBTQ & HIV Project, which was involved in the case on Philadelphia's side.

Three conservative justices who joined Roberts' opinion said they would have gone further. Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch said they would have overruled a 1990 Supreme Court decision that they said improperly allows limits on religious freedom.

Alito called the court's ruling Thursday a "wisp of a decision." Gorsuch said it was an "(ir)resolution," predicting that the litigation would continue, with the city perhaps rewriting its contract.

Philadelphia City Solicitor Diana Cortes said the ruling was a "difficult and disappointing setback."

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Daily 4
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03-10-16-19-37
Keno
03-05-17-20-21-23-24-27-29-31-38-39-42-43-46-50-60-72-73-75-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$30 million
Powerball jackpot
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Wednesday drawings

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MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
735 East Michigan Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Publication Date: June 18, 2021

On or about **June 28, 2021** the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and Section 8 (o) (13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) as amended, for the following development:

Tri City Village II–City of Watervliet / Berrien County
56 units rehabilitation, 4 HOME Units
$6,377,250 MSHDA Construction Loan
$ 5,224,989 MSHDA Permanent Loan
$2,635,786 Equity from LIHTC
$437,839 MSHDA Home
$235,995 Income from Operations
$110 GP Equity
$201,237 Transferred Reserves
$338,794 Deferred Developer Fee
$9,074,750 Approximate Total Development Cost

MSHDA intends to award Tri City Village II/MHT LDHA, LLC up to $ 437,839 for Tri City Village II. This development is located at 541 N. Main Street, Watervliet, MI. Tri City Village II consists of 50 one-bedroom, one-bath apartments and 6 two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartments for seniors. Rehab includes: Repave parking areas - Repair sidewalks - Replace roof - Elevator modernization including cab, controllers, and equipment - Replace HVAC - Replace windows with Energy Star - Replace vinyl trim, soffit, facia, and gutters - Replace unit kitchens including cabinets, countertops, sink, Energy Star appliances, and vinyl plank flooring - Replace unit bathrooms including fixtures, flooring, cabinets, sinks, tubs & surrounds, and exhaust fans - Replace common area and unit lighting with LED fixtures - Repaint interiors - Install new signage - Install LED site lighting - Install new unit smoke and carbon dioxide detectors - Replace common area carpet and vinyl floor coverings

Environmental Review

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 of HUD rules and regulations, an Environmental Review Record which documents the environmental review of the proposed development has been assembled by MSHDA. It has been determined that this activity does not require an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321). The Environmental Review Record is on file at the address above. **The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Daniel Lince of MSHDA at (517) 335-0183 for further information.**

Public Comments on Finding

All interested parties disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at MSHDA's address listed above on or before **June 25, 2021**. All such comments will be considered and MSHDA will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

Tri City Village II/MHT LDHA, LLC will undertake the development described above with HOME Program funds. The HOME funds are allocated to the State of Michigan (MSHDA) under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. MSHDA is certifying to HUD that MSHDA and Chad Benson, MSHDA's Director of Development, Certifying Officer, is consenting to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Tri City Village II/MHT LDHA, LLC may use the HOME funds and **HUD** will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and **MSHDA** certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of MSHDA; (b) **MSHDA** had omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) a grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be emailed to: **Keith E. Hernandez** at **CPD_COVID-19OEE-DET@hud.gov.** Potential objectors should contact MSHDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Potential objectors should contact MSHDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Chad Benson, Director of Development, Certifying Officer
Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
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Call line connects job seekers to employers

Michigan Works launches Jobs NOW hotline; runs weekdays

By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Michigan Works Berrien, Cass, Van Buren announced the creation of a new jobs hotline, which connects individuals to employers in just a single phone call.

The Jobs NOW hotline is a direct response to the "help wanted" signs that dot many storefronts in Southwest Michigan.

"Our team is here to help individuals get back to work. This hotline has been specifically designed to be an efficient way for individuals to find work and for employers to find the best fit for their company," Lily Brewer, executive director of Michigan Works Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, said in a news release. "While nothing can replace in-person hiring, this will be a great way for employers to find talent and for our local job seekers to find work at the click of a button."

Those interested in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties should call 866-604-JOBS (5627). A representative will talk over education, interests and experience in order to connect the caller with a fitting local employer.

"Lots of factors have led to a labor-market shortage coming out of the pandemic," Brewer said in the release. "When is the best time to get back in the labor market? That time is now, when workers will have lots of choices and opportunities."

Brewer said labor market data shows the longer workers wait to re-enter the job market, the harder it is to rejoin.

The Jobs NOW hotline will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Employers interested in being part of the Jobs NOW hotline at no charge should contact Berrien County Business Account Manager Paul Brohman at BrohmanP@miworks.org or Cass and Van Buren County Business Account Manager, Mark O'Reilly at OreillyM@miworks.org.

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Benton Harbor native Julian Van Dyke opened a pop-up gallery in downtown Benton Harbor showcasing his work as both an artist and author.

'We just want them to read'

Benton Harbor native instills reading through art

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor native Julian Van Dyke says he is helping children become better readers through art.

"We wanted to do something different," said the 1971 Benton Harbor High School graduate, who now lives in Lansing. "We know that children like art. We want to implement a reading program around art."

Benton Harbor is the first location of Julian Van Dyke's Pop-Up Art and Reading Show, where he worked with children in fourth through 10th grades Thursday and today at his pop-up gallery at 234 Territorial Road in Benton Harbor.

People can view his art at the gallery during today's Art Hop, which is being put on by the Benton Harbor Arts Association.

The author of several children's books, including "Juneteenth, Celebrating Freedom," will hold an art and book signing at the gallery from 5:30-7 p.m. today and 3-5 p.m. Saturday.

He said he returned to Benton Harbor because he was invited to be in Saturday's Juneteenth Parade, which starts at 1 p.m.

Children's books by Julian Van Dyke are available at a pop-up gallery in downtown Benton Harbor for Art Hop and Juneteenth celebration.

However, Van Dyke decided he wanted to do more than appear in a parade. His intent was to help inspire young people to become artists and readers.

"The younger students, we just want them to read," he said.

Van Dyke said the older students also received acting classes.

He said he and his wife, Benton Harbor native Pauline (Turner) Van Dyke, both worked at Whirlpool Corp. before leaving the area to attend college. He said they decided to make their home in Lansing, but have always remembered their roots along the shores of Lake Michigan.

"Living here was a fantasy," he said as he recalled visiting the former amusement parks at Silver Beach in St. Joseph and at the House of David in Benton Township.

Van Dyke also recalled the plays he acted in at the Riverwalk Theater in Lansing. He said the most recent play he was in was "Sweat" in 2019, where he played two parts – Evan, a counselor for people who had just gotten out of jail, and Brucie, an addict and a drunk.

Now that he is retired from driving for UPS for 20 years, he said he wants to help inspire youth through his art.

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Coloma plans summer community activities

Events created in light of peach festival cancellation

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma officials announced this week a new series of activities to get the community moving in light of events being canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coloma Mayor Marsha Hammond said the Summer Not Forgotten activities will begin tonight.

"It has been a tough year and a half for everyone. As COVID lingered on, the Glad-Peach Festival Committee made the very difficult decision to cancel this year's event once again, due in part to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions," she said in a news release.

She said "in true can-do fashion," a committee of volunteers was pulled together including local business owners and representatives, the chamber of commerce, city residents, as well as city commissioners, to plan and bring family-friendly events to Coloma throughout the summer.

Tonight is the Summer Solstice 5K Walk/Run at 7 p.m.

The event is in partnership with SWMI RACERS and will benefit the Coloma Athletic Boosters.

For more information and to sign up, visit runsignup.com/summersolstice5k or swmiracers.org.

Future events include Christmas in July on July 17; Eats in the Street on Aug. 6-7; and a car show and pancake breakfast on Aug. 8.

"Coloma has many great amenities for all to enjoy and these events are a way to bring people to the community, as well as support our small businesses that have been hit hard by the pandemic," Hammond said. "This is what community is all about. This team is working to bring these events to the community with little to no budget."

The committee is working on more details for the upcoming events including approximate times and schedule of events.

For more information, visit "City of Coloma, Michigan" on Facebook.

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman

IN BRIEF

Hearing set for BH marijuana store

BENTON HARBOR — The deadline is 5 p.m. July 2 to submit written comments on the proposed special use permit for 326 E. Main St. to be a marijuana provisioning center.

Comments can be submitted via email to kthompson@cityofbentonharbor.gov or delivered during business hours to the city clerk's office at 200 E. Wall St.

A public hearing on the proposed special use permit will be held by the Benton Harbor Planning Commission at 1 p.m. July 6 at Benton Harbor City Hall, 200 E. Wall St.

SJ Twp. shooting stemmed from dispute

ST. JOSEPH — A domestic dispute Thursday morning in St. Joseph Township led to an individual being shot and lodged in jail, police said.

St. Joseph Township police responded to a report of shots fired at 10:50 a.m. Thursday at 150 Hoover Ave., where officers determined gunshots were exchanged between two people. One subject was shot in the leg and brought to Spectrum Health Lakeland, St. Joseph.

After an initial investigation, police said the incident stemmed from an argument among several subjects. The person who was shot was released from the hospital and lodged at the Berrien County Jail on a charge of assault to commit great bodily harm less than murder.

All other subjects were interviewed and released pending a review by the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office. Police said all subjects were from the Benton Harbor area.

Conservative activists request audit of Michigan election

LANSING (AP) — Conservative activists who falsely claim former President Donald Trump won reelection asked the Republican-led Michigan Senate on Thursday to order an audit of the results, seeking a review like one that is underway in fellow battleground state Arizona.

Michigan Conservative Coalition co-founder Marian Sheridan said "something very wrong" happened in the 2020 election, though Trump's unfounded fraud allegations have been resoundingly rejected by officials who certified the results, judges and others. The group said it submitted more than 7,000 affidavits from people backing a "forensic" audit.

"There has been an egregious injustice here in the state of Michigan and many other places," said Lana Kristal of Bingham Farms.

It does not appear that Senate Republicans will embrace the request. Joe Biden defeated Trump by more than 154,000 votes, or about 2.8 percentage points, in the state.

PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 18

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (10) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Emergency Call "Held Hostage" (N)		:01 Juneteenth: Together We Triumph -- A Soul of a Nation Special Event (N)			
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	Magnum P.I. "Blood-line"		Magnum P.I.		Blue Bloods "Happy Endings"	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	6:00 2021 U.S. Open Golf Championship Second Round. (N)			U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming. (N) (L)		Olympic Trials	
FOX (17) (22) (28) (32)	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:30PM (N)	
PBS (34)	Black Journal	Washing-ton Week	Fir-ing-Hoover	ArtsUSB Presents		Great Performances at the Met (N)	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Charmed Maggie has a disturbing vision.		Dynasty "The Birthday Party" (N)		NightTeam	Seinfeld
MNT (39)	Family Feud	Dateline "Suspicion in Silver City"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Faithfully"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Charmed Maggie has a disturbing vision.		Dynasty "The Birthday Party" (N)		The Drew Barrymore Show	
WHME (46)	:00 Heart-land	Heartland Spartan is stolen.		Heroes at Home (N)			
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L)	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "The Ties That Bind"		The First 48		:01 The First 48: Rookie Year (N)	
AMC	Private Ryan	★★★ Enemy of the State ('98) Will Smith, Gene Hackman. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape.					
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)				River Monsters	
BET	5:35 ★★ Enough ('02)			★ Dutch ('21) Lance Gross.			
Big Ten	Big Ten	Purdue		Purdue		Purdue Basketball	
Bravo	★★ Next Friday ('00, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce.				★ Friday After Next ('02) Ice Cube, Mike Epps.		
Cartoon	Apple	American	American	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	Good Boys ('19)	Golden Arm ('20, Comedy) Mary Holland. (P)			:31 ★★★ Hot Fuzz ('07) Simon Pegg, Nick Frost.		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		Don Lemon Tonight	
Comedy	Office	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)		:07 Bering Sea Gold "Dredge of Insanity" Emily prospects a claim to call her own. (N)			
Disney	Big City	Bunk'd	Sydney	Gabby	Descend	Zombies	Bunk'd
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians	
ESPN	:40 NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.					NBA Basketball	
ESPN2	UFC Live	UEFA	NFL Live		Max	Relent	Monster
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Nov. 25, 1995.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	FOX	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Roasting	Michigan	Tigers	Tigers Lv.	MLB Baseball: Tigers at Angels		
Freefrm	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	Transylvania 3	★★ Peter Rabbit ('18) Voices of James Corden, Fayssal Bazzi.				★★ Peter Rabbit ('18)	
Golf	LPGA Golf			U.S. Open Golf		U.S. Open	
Hallmark	All of My Heart	On the 12th Date of Christmas ('20) Mallory Jansen, Tyler Hynes, Zoe Fish.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 ★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin ('05) Steve Carell.			Pause, Sam Jay	Pause, Sam Jay	Real Time With Bill Maher (N)	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		:02 Ancient Aliens		:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Frozen	Frozen	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)				90 Day Fiancé	
Lifetime	Celimate Secrets	New York Prison Break: The Seduction of Joyce Mitchell: Enhanced Edition				Celimate Secrets "Joyce Mitchell" (N)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros. (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		Road to Canton	
Nick	Barbarian	To Be Announced		Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	The 80's	The 80's		Red Summer		After Hitler	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples (N)		John Wayne Gacy: Devil in Disguise Gacy's past reveals unsettling evidence. (N)			
Parmt	:00 ★★ I, Robot ('04) Will Smith.				★★★ Casino ('95)		
Showtime	Longest Yard	★★★ I, Tonya ('17, Biography) Margot Robbie, Sebastian Stan.				Dreamland ('19) Margot Robbie.	
Starz	Monster Hunter	Step Up: High Water "Isolations"		8:56 Ice "Thicker Than Water"		Girlfriend Expr.	Hot Tub Mach.
STZENC	:15 ★★★ It Could Happen to You ('94) Nicolas Cage.			★★ Next ('07) Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore.			Mom and Dad ('17)
SyFy	John Wick 3	★★ Underworld: Blood Wars ('16, Fantasy) Kate Beckinsale, Theo James.				Van Helsing "E Pluribus Unum" (N)	
TBS	★★★ Creed ('15, Drama) Michael B. Jordan. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son. (DVS)					:10 ★★★ Creed II ('18, Drama)	
TCM	House of Wax ('53)	★★★ Four Weddings and a Funeral ('94) Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell.				:15 ★★★ Father of the Bride	
TMC	About Last	Waves ('19, Drama) Kelvin Harrison Jr. A family navigates love and forgiveness after a tragic loss.					Morris America
TNT	:00 ★★ Aquaman ('18, Action) Jason Momoa.					All Elite Wrestling	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures "Tragic Spirits" (N)			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at TBA.					Chicago P.D. "Called in Dead"	
VH1	★ Big Momma's House 2 ('06) Martin Lawrence.					Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Donlon Report	NewsNation Prime (N) (L)		NewsNation Prime (N) (L)		Banfield (N)	

Aneurysms require immediate medical attention

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: My dad was having an ultrasound because it seemed like he might have kidney stones, and they found what the doctor thinks might be a small aortic aneurysm. Why does someone get them, and how are they treated?

DEAR READER: An aneurysm is a balloonlike widening within the wall of an artery. In an aortic aneurysm, this has occurred along the aorta. That's the major blood vessel that carries oxygen-rich blood away from the heart and through the chest and the abdomen.

An aneurysm is cause for concern for several reasons. Any change to the normal tubular structure of blood vessels throughout the body can adversely affect heart function. More important, larger aneurysms create the risk of structural damage to the blood vessel itself. Blood circulates through our bodies in a closed system. That means every beat of the heart results in pressure on the artery walls. The rhythmic force of blood moving through the aorta can gradually enlarge the thinner and weaker walls of an aneurysm, and also fracture them. When the walls of an aortic aneurysm split and allow blood to leak out, it's known as a dissection. The balloonlike bulge of an aneurysm can also burst, which is known as a rupture. Both are medical emergencies, and are the major causes of death due to aneurysms.

Aortic aneurysms fall into two major categories – thoracic and abdominal. The former occur in the chest. Since your father's was discovered during a scan of his lower torso, it's likely that he has been diagnosed with an abdominal aneurysm. One of the major risk factors for developing an aortic aneurysm is a history of tobacco use, which weakens the arterial walls over time. Studies of smokers found they had five times the risk of developing an abdominal aortic aneurysm as nonsmokers. The good news is that quitting smoking was associated with a measurable lessening of that risk. Additional risk factors include being a male, being over 65, being white, having had a previous aneurysm and a family history of the condition.

Diagnosis of an aortic aneurysm often occurs as it did with your dad – in the course of an examination for another condition. When it comes to treatment, the goal is to prevent dissection or rupture. The specific approach depends on two things – the size of the aneurysm and how quickly it is growing. A small and static aneurysm may call for watchful waiting. That includes regular scans to monitor if the aneurysm is growing or has begun to leak. Large, unstable aneurysms typically require surgery.

For patients with any type of aneurysm, it's crucial to mitigate the risk factors that can be managed. That means taking immediate steps to getting and keeping high blood pressure under control, both with lifestyle changes and medication. And for smokers, that means quitting. Patients are also asked to avoid vigorous physical activity, including heavy lifting, to avoid pressure on the abdomen. If someone experiences sudden abdominal or back pain, low blood pressure or unexplained dizziness or weakness, this can be sign of a dissection or a rupture. Immediate medical care is imperative.

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Reconnecting with dad who was hurt we kept our distance during COVID

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: Our father has Type 1 diabetes. My brother and I did not see him for over a year because of COVID, which we took seriously.

We are all vaccinated now but our father will not see us because he does not believe in COVID and thinks we abandoned him. He listens to right-wing programs nonstop.

This is devastating. Our mother died of cancer when we were very young. If you have advice, then I would gladly take it. – Devastated

DEAR DEVASTATED: Someone who "does not believe in COVID" is down a very deep hole of disinformation, so there is no easy solution.

There may be no solution, period, if he doesn't want there to be one.

But it's important to try. And maybe you can co-opt some of the same forces that are working so hard against you: The first is repetition. Your father didn't just decide COVID was fake. He was persuaded through relentless messaging. You and your brother might likewise persuade your father you care about him by gently, respectfully, persistently telling him you do.

Call on a regular schedule. Mail him letters and cards. Send photos. Remember and commemorate his milestone events. Recommend shows, books or new music you think he'll like. Extend invitations (and accept "no" without fuss).

Again, remain respectful – he has every right not to reciprocate or even accept your efforts. But also prepare yourself for a long commitment to proving your commitment to him, to help you both feel better. That's why letters and photos are so good; they're arm's length. They also reflect your time and effort.

The second force you might be able to co-opt is shrewd attention to what he does – and doesn't – want to hear. Don't harangue him about vaccines. Don't slam his information sources. If he baits you, don't bite. Make your calls, letters, commemorations, recommendations and invitations reflect your relationship, memories, shared interests.

This TED talk by Diane Benscoter (bit.ly/DBTed) – ex cult member, current deprogrammer – explains these two forces' effect: "These easy ideas to complex questions are very appealing when you are emotionally vulnerable."

Connections persuade, and commonality builds connections. So offer yourselves, and offer love, and be his tribe. Leave these on the table for him to claim. As our mercurial political conditions change – on him and everyone else – prop open doors back to the truth.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm an immigrant whose parents and siblings live overseas. I recently lost my dad and couldn't go to the funeral because of COVID.

A friend had a similar situation, but she and her sister live in the U.S. and their mom had to deal with their dad's passing without them.

The friend keeps saying to me, "At least you have your sisters to take care of your mom." How do I tell her yes, that's a great help, but my dad's loss is not going to go away just because of that? – Grieving and Confused

DEAR GRIEVING: I am so very sorry.

Grief makes us thoughtless sometimes, pain-blinded to others' pain. It sounds at least possible your friend is dumping grief on you because you're convenient.

I am sorry for that, too, if true.

Please respond, "Yes, so grateful – but that won't bring my dad back." And if needed: "We're both hurting. Please let's not compare."

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

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11 Writer — Morrison
13 Courtroom dozen
14 Beauty salon item
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17 Emit, as light
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12 Flawless
13 Kidding around
18 Rather or Aykroyd
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23 Hgt.
24 Cosmonaut space lab
25 MPG monitor
27 Itches
29 Goose egg, in sports
31 Yang complement
32 Use diligently
33 Cowhand's nickname
35 Indian pony
37 Cleanliness
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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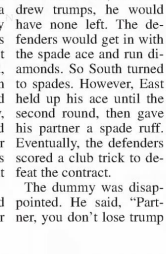

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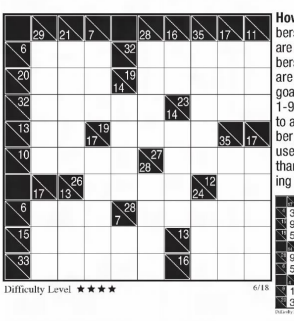
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) - ( ) - ( ) - ( ) "( )"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RAVEN UNCLE GRIMLY MANTRA
Answer: The young pitcher struggled to throw a breaking ball because there was a — LEARNING CURVE

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★

BRIDGE

Gregory Maguire, a novelist, said, "I'm not a writer because I want to make money. I'm a writer because I'm a very slow thinker; but I do care about thinking, and the only way I know how to think with any kind of finesse is by telling stories."

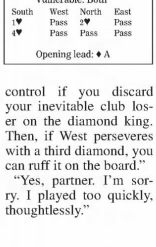
Bridge players need to think, whether facing a finesse or a different play technique. But sometimes someone will follow suit first and study second, which is always fatal in newspaper columns and teaching deals. Today, for example, how should South continue in four hearts after ruffing West's second high diamond at trick two?

South might have rebid two spades, allowing for North's holding, say, five spades and three hearts. But he decided to hope that they did not have a superior spade fit, preferring to keep his hand in the dark from the defenders.

Declarer continued with a heart to the jack and a heart to his ace, getting the bad news. Now, if South drew trumps, he would have none left. The defenders would get in with the spade ace and run diamonds. So South turned to spades. However, East held up his ace until the second round, then gave his partner a spade ruff. Eventually, the defenders scored a club trick to defeat the contract.

The dummy was disappointed. He said, "Partner, you don't lose trump control if you discard your inevitable club loser on the diamond king. Then, if West perseveres with a third diamond, you can ruff it on the board."

"Yes, partner. I'm sorry. I played too quickly, thoughtlessly."



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DIFFICULTY RATING:★★★★☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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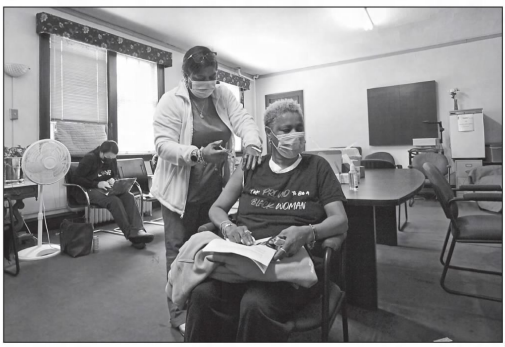
Black community has new option for health care: The church

By CARRIE ANTLFINGER
Associated Press



Carrie Antlfinger / AP

Melanie Paige closes her eyes as she gets her first COVID-19 vaccination at her church, St. Matthew Christian Methodist Episcopal, in Milwaukee on May 5.

MILWAUKEE — Every Sunday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Joseph Jackson Jr. praises the Lord before his congregation. But since last fall he's been praising something else his Black community needs: the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We want to continue to encourage our people to get out, get your shots. I got both of mine," Jackson said to applause at the church in Milwaukee on a recent Sunday.

Members of Black communities across the U.S. have disproportionately fallen sick or died from the virus, so some church leaders are using their influence and trusted reputations to fight back by preaching from the pulpit, phoning people to encourage vaccinations, and hosting testing clinics and vaccination events in church buildings.

Some want to extend their efforts beyond the fight against COVID-19 and give their flocks a place to seek health care for other ailments at a place they trust – the church.

"We can't go back to normal because we died in our normal," Debra Fraser-Howze, the founder of Choose Healthy Life, told The Associated Press. "We have health disparities that were so serious that one pandemic virtually wiped us out more than anybody else. We can't allow for that to happen again."

Choose Healthy Life, a national initiative involving Black clergy, United Way of New York City and others, has been awarded a $9.9 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant to expand vaccinations and and make permanent the "health navigators" who are already doing coronavirus testing and vaccinations in churches.

The navigators will eventually bring in experts for vaccinations, such as the flu, and to screen for ailments that are common in Black communities, including heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, AIDS and asthma. The effort aims to reduce discomfort within Black communities about seeking health care, either due to concerns about racism or a historical distrust of science and government.

The initiative has so far been responsible for over 30,000 vaccinations in the first three months in 50 churches in New York; Newark, New Jersey; Detroit; Washington, D.C.; and Atlanta.

The federal funding will expand the group's effort to 100 churches, including in rural areas, in 13 states and the District of Columbia, and will help establish an infrastructure for the health navigators to start screenings. Quest Diagnostics and its foundation has already provided funding and testing help.

Choose Healthy Life expects to be involved for at least five years, after which organizers hope control and funding will be handled locally, possibly by health departments or in alignment with federally supported health centers, Fraser-Howze said.

The initiative is also planning to host seminars in churches on common health issues. Some churches already have health clinics and they hope that encourages other churches to follow suit, said Fraser-Howze, who led the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS for 21 years.

"The Black church is going to have to be that link between faith and science," she said.

In Milwaukee, nearly 43 percent of all coronavirus-related deaths have been in the Black community, according to the Milwaukee Health Department. Census data indicates Blacks make up about 39 percent of the city's population. An initiative involving Pastors United, Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope and Souls to the Polls has provided vaccinations in at least 80 churches there already.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Sharon A. Brewer, 60, of Dowagiac died June 14, 2021. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Michael T. Falcone, 55, of Benton Harbor died June 16, 2021. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Nolan L. Frazier, infant, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died June 15, 2021. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Casper O. Grathwohl, 87, of Notre Dame, Ind., died June 17, 2021. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Lorraine D. Polfus, 95, of Benton Harbor died June 16, 2021. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363

Sharon A. Brewer

Aug. 3, 1960 – June 14, 2021

Sharon A. Brewer, born Aug. 3, 1960, passed away on June 14, 2021.

Sharon was born in Nashville, Tenn., to her mother and father, Barbara and Shirley Brewer. Sharon was a loving mother, nana, aunt, sister and friend to many.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Kayla (Mike); granddaughter, Duckie; her two sisters; two brothers; and their spouses, plus many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, June 26, at Redemption Church of Eau Claire, 9134 Black Lake Road, Eau Claire. Pastor John H. Saylor will hold her service at 11 a.m.

The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at http://www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

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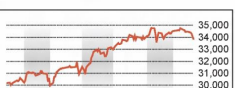

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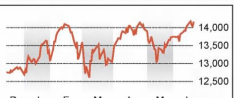

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Whirlpool WHR
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▼ 4-wk. -10.9% ▲ YTD +17.0%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	52-WK RANGE HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.35	33.88	28.74	-.32	-1.1	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	74.80	94.21	84.39	-.01	...	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc s	AAPL	83.15	145.09	131.79	+1.64	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	1074.45	1542.30	1390.90	+.43	...	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.74	28.49	27.18	-.75	-2.7	▼	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	53.19	67.98	59.51	-.16	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	43.51	56.48	54.95	+.28	+0.5	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	37.77	59.11	57.52	+.40	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	148.12	400.34	328.38	-8.18	-2.4	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	108.02	203.02	174.65	-.01	...	▼	▲	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	84.41	120.37	100.69	+.12	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	31.11	64.80	61.99	-2.11	-3.3	▼	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	17.28	43.06	38.03	-2.52	-6.2	▼	▼	▲
1stSource	SRCE	28.72	51.02	48.00	-1.60	-3.2	▼	▼	▲
FordM	F	5.74	16.46	14.77	-.25	-1.7	▼	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.93	14.42	13.00	-.44	-3.3	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	234.31	345.69	303.12	+.34	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
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HuntBncsh	HBAN	8.01	16.91	13.52	-.85	-5.9	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	145.85	235.76	214.66	-3.08	-1.4	▼	▼	▲
IBM	IBM	105.92	152.84	145.60	-2.23	-1.5	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	90.78	167.44	151.76	-4.51	-2.9	▼	▼	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	133.65	173.65	165.22	+.79	+0.5	▲	▼	▲
Lowes	LOW	123.09	215.22	186.84	+.64	+0.3	▼	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	178.88	238.18	233.88	-1.70	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	184.01	263.19	260.90	+3.52	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	20.56	51.25	46.26	-.86	-1.8	▼	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	38.20	58.83	47.70	-.16	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	31.61	43.08	39.48	+.18	+0.5	▼	▼	▲
ProctGam	PG	113.76	146.92	133.99	+1.21	+0.9	▼	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	78.22	113.28	108.62	-.58	-0.5	▼	▼	▲
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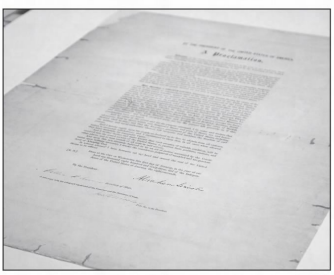
Stryker	SYK	171.75	268.04	259.55	+3.15	+1.2	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	21.81	50.13	45.18	...	...	▬	▼	▼
Target	TGT	115.23	236.80	231.22	-.04	...	▼	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	116.13	200.75	174.81	-3.28	-1.8	▼	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	99.59	219.59	198.05	-2.37	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	52.85	61.95	56.53	-.11	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	80.55	106.85	92.38	+.45	+0.5	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	117.01	153.66	137.72	+.57	+0.4	▼	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.36	57.05	52.81	-.50	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	18.86	29.46	23.50	-.39	-1.6	▼	▼	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	116.57	257.68	211.26	-3.72	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	32.14	75.45	58.44	-2.57	-4.2	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	71.69	153.45	146.54	-5.71	-3.8	▼	▲	▲

EXPLAINER

The story of Juneteenth, the new federal holiday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum photo via AP, File

A signed copy of Emancipation Proclamation is shown on June 8.

The U.S. government is catching up with Black people who have been commemorating the end of slavery in the United States for generations with a day called "Juneteenth."

President Joe Biden signed a bill Thursday that was passed by Congress to set aside Juneteenth, or June 19th, as a federal holiday. "I hope this is the beginning of a change in the way we deal with one another," he said.

The Senate approved the bill unanimously; only 14 House Republicans – many representing states that were part of the slave-holding Confederacy in the 19th century – opposed the measure.

What is this federal holiday, and what is its history? Here's a look:

The origins

The celebration started with the freed slaves of Galveston, Texas. Although the Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in the South in 1863, it could not be enforced in many places until after the end of the Civil War in 1865.

Laura Smalley, freed from a plantation near Bellville, Texas, remembered in a 1941 interview that her former master had gone to fight in the Civil War and came home without telling his slaves what had happened.

"Old master didn't tell, you know, they was free," Smalley said at the time. "I think now they say they worked them, six months after that. Six months. And turn them loose on the 19th of June. That's why, you know, we celebrate that day."

Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and his troops arrived at Galveston on June 19, 1865, with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. That was more than two months after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia.

Granger delivered General Order No. 3, which said: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

The next year, the now-free people started celebrating Juneteenth in Galveston. Its observance has continued around the nation and the world since. Events include concerts, parades and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

What does 'Juneteenth' mean?

The term Juneteenth is a blend of the words June and nineteenth. The holiday has also been called Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day.

Often celebrated at first with church picnics and speeches, the holiday spread across the nation and internationally as Black Texans moved elsewhere.

The vast majority of states recognize Juneteenth as a holiday or a day of recognition, like Flag Day, and most states hold celebrations. Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia and Washington, and hundreds of companies give workers a day off for Juneteenth.

Why now?

The national reckoning over race helped set the stage for Juneteenth to become the first new federal holiday since 1983, when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and had 60 co-sponsors. Bipartisan support emerged as lawmakers struggle to overcome divisions that are still simmering following the police killing last year of George Floyd in Minnesota.

Supporters of the holiday have worked to make sure Juneteenth celebrators don't forget why the day exists.

"In 1776 the country was freed from the British, but the people were not all free," Dee Evans, national director of communications of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, said in 2019. "June 19, 1865, was actually when the people and the entire country was actually free."

There's also sentiment to use the day to remember the sacrifices that were made for freedom in the United States – especially in these racially and politically charged days. Said Para LaNell Agboga, museum site coordinator at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center in Austin, Texas: "Our freedoms are fragile, and it doesn't take much for things to go backward."

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago - 1996

The Green Monster has gotten to be a monster headache that may cost about $450,000 to cure, Benton Township officials say. "Green Monster" is the nickname Benton Township officials use for the dull, metallic-green water storage tank easily seen from I-94. The township's only water tank, which holds 4 million gallons of water, needs to be painted. The township and the city of Benton Harbor disagree on who should pay the bulk of the cost. Township Engineer John Olson said Benton Harbor has done a good job maintaining pumps in the 28-year-old structure. It's the tank itself that needs painting inside and out before rust causes leaks.

35 years ago - 1986

The 13th annual International Cherry Pit Spitting Championship takes place July 5 at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm. Tree-Mendus owner Herb Teichman said defending champion Rick Krause of Eau Claire will be back. Krause won last year's event with a spit of 57 feet, 7 ½ inches. He also won in 1980, 1983 and 1984. Krause set the record of 65 feet 2 inches, in 1980. It is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

50 years ago - 1971

Zip codes do move the mail, at least a little surer, according to Regional Postal Supervisor K.O. William Sandberg. Sandberg, in the Twin Cities to attend a convention of the Michigan Branch Auxiliary of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, said there are 740,000 postal employees nationally and that mistakes are bound to occur. For example, the Hartford post office received 15 pieces of misdirected letters, none with zip codes. There wouldn't have been that problem if zip codes had been used.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, June 18, the 169th day of 2021. There are 196 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 18, 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.

On this date:

In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met defeat at Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1873, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was found guilty by a judge in Canandaigua, New York, of breaking the law by casting a vote in the 1872 presidential election. (The judge fined Anthony $100, but she never paid the penalty.)

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour." Charles de Gaulle delivered a speech on the BBC in which he rallied his countrymen after the fall of France to Nazi Germany.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Showers Likely	Scattered T-storms	Chance Showers	Chance T-storms	Showers Likely	Mostly Sunny
81°	67°	80° / 65°	86° / 67°	77° / 58°	69° / 56°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 90% chance of showers, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 62%. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 67°. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:09 a.m.
Sunset	9:24 p.m.
Moonrise	2:16 p.m.
Moonset	2:19 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
6/24	7/1	7/9	7/17

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	88°
Low	60°
Normal High	80°
Normal Low	59°
Record High	97° in 2018
Record Low	47° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.19"
Normal for month	2.20"
Year to date	10.60"
Normal Year to date	15.18"

Air Quality

Yesterday 63

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

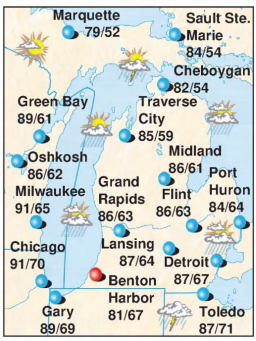
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 ..... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is the Fujita Scale?

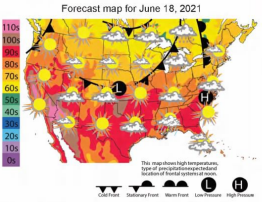
Answer: This scale measures the wind speed and strength of tornadoes.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for June 18, 2021



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 13 to 18 kt. Showers and thunderstorms likely. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 78 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with highs in the 60s and 70s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with widespread showers, highs in the 80s. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

As COVID-19 crisis ebbs, some seeking 9/11-style commission

By JAY REEVES and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

Jae C. Hong / AP

A registered nurse tends to a COVID-19 patient as another puts on her protective gear in Orange, Calif., on Jan. 7.

With more than 600,000 Americans dead of COVID-19 and questions still raging about the origin of the virus and the government's response, a push is underway on Capitol Hill and beyond for a full-blown investigation of the crisis by a national commission like the one that looked into 9/11.

It is unclear whether such a probe will ever happen, though a privately sponsored team of public health experts is already laying the groundwork for one.

Given that most of the disaster unfolded on President Donald Trump's watch, many worry that politics will get in the way of any inquiry, as happened when Republicans came out against a commission to investigate the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol by Trump supporters. Others fear that a desire by many to simply move on will thwart a review.

"I think we need to get into the weeds, to look at the details to see what happened," said Sabila Khan of Jersey City, New Jersey, whose father, Shafqat Rasul Khan, died of COVID-19. "If this happens again, our loved ones died in vain."

A bill introduced by Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey and Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine would establish such a commission.

Its inquiry could include a look at the origins of the virus; early warnings and other communication with foreign governments; coordination among federal, state and local agencies; the availability of medical supplies; testing and public health surveillance; vaccination development and distribution; the uneven effect on minorities; and government relief policies.

"The death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic is more than 200 times that of the 9/11 attacks – but Congress has yet to establish a similar blue ribbon commission to investigate the vulnerabilities of our public health system and issue guidance for how we as a nation can better protect the American people from future pandemics," Menendez and Collins wrote in an essay this week in The New York Times.

While the government crash program to develop a vaccine proved a success, the crisis in the U.S. was marked by shortages of protective gear and other medical equipment, insufficient testing, defective test kits, false or misleading information about treatments, and mixed messages on the need for masks and lockdowns.

Last month, President Joe Biden ordered U.S. intelligence to step up its efforts to investigate the virus's origins, including the possibility it escaped from a Chinese laboratory, a once-fringe theory that has gained currency in recent weeks. Many scientists have said they instead believe the virus occurred in nature and jumped from animals to humans.

Dr. Naeha Quasba of Baltimore, who lost her father, Ramash Quasba, to the outbreak, said she favors an investigation that could hold others accountable for their failures, which she said include the lack of a national response plan, inadequate health funding and lackadaisical enforcement of public health orders.

"But at this point, my dad is gone and now a vaccine is available," Quasba said. "So people are moving on to a different phase."

While no vote on the legislation is scheduled and the prospects of passage are uncertain, work already is going on that could help shape an investigation: Members of what is called the COVID Commission Planning Group have been at work for five months, trying to come up with the key questions for a commission and the best ways to get answers.

University of Virginia history professor Philip Zelikow, who is leading the planning group and was executive director of the 9/11 Commission, said dozens of experts have been enlisted with the support of charitable foundations and have identified more than 40 lines of inquiry.

"All that preparatory work is being done to be put at the disposal of whatever commission gets created, if it's created by the Congress, created by the president or created independently and privately sponsored," he said.

MERGE

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board will include at least three physicians.

The new health system will be led by Freese Decker and the first board chair will be Julie Fream, the board chair of Beaumont Health.

John Fox, president and CEO of Beaumont Health, will help ensure a successful transition to the new health system. Following this transition, he plans to leave the organization.

A thorough process will be developed to identify and select the BHSH Beaumont Health president.

Local fiduciary boards with community board members will remain in place to provide governance and leadership to the BHSH Beaumont Health, BHSH Spectrum Health West Michigan, BHSH Spectrum Health Lakeland and Priority Health divisions. Each board will retain local governance oversight over key areas unique to the communities they serve.

The new system will operate dual headquarters in Grand Rapids and Southfield, and the president and CEO and senior executive leadership team will spend time on both sides of the state.

Priority Health, Spectrum Health's top-rated, Michigan-based health plan, will also be part of the new system.

Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health hope to complete this process, which is subject to the execution of an integration agreement and applicable regulatory reviews, this fall.

For ongoing information on the new health system, including letters to the Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health communities, visit www.formichiganbymichigan.org.

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PALISADES

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Administration is committed to supporting local efforts to create new opportunity and jobs in communities impacted by nuclear plant closures.

"This EDA investment will create a roadmap for economic recovery and diversification that will help Southwest Michigan respond to the upcoming nuclear plant closure," she said.

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PROJECTS

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Hilltop Road to Maiden Lane in St. Joseph Township is projected to be $669,400, with the county's share projected to be $342,276. The work includes guard rail replacement and pavement markings.

The Portage Road repavement project from Briar Road to U.S. 12 in Bertrand Township is estimated to cost $465,200, with the county's share to be $138,332.

The bridge improvement projects include the Napier Avenue bridge over the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph Township, which is expected to be done this summer at a cost of $1.76 million. The county's share is projected to be $882,400.

The Walton Road Bridge over the St. Joseph River in Buchanan Township is expected to be repaired next year at a cost of nearly $3 million, with the county's share being $569,950.

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REOPENING

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stood on the front lines to keep us all safe."

About 4.9 million residents, or 60 percent, of those ages 16 and older have gotten at least one vaccine dose. That is short of short of the state's goal, which is to vaccinate 70 percent as quickly as possible. The governor previously scrapped a plan to tie full reopening to the 70 percent mark, instead announcing on May 20 the end of outdoor capacity limits effective June 1 and indoor restrictions effective July 1.

State health officials said Thursday that some virus orders will remain in place to protect vulnerable populations in prisons, long-term care facilities and the agriculture industry. Guidance for schools, where many students are not yet authorized to be vaccinated, will be issued next week.

The announcement was celebrated by restaurants, fitness centers and other businesses.

"The hospitality industry received transcendent news today that will finally move it past 463 days of closure, capacity restrictions and elevated regulatory scrutiny that forced more than one in six Michigan restaurants to close their doors for good," Justin Winslow, president and CEO of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association, said in a statement.

"I'm delighted finally that Michigan citizens are almost fully released and liberated," Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, a Clarklake Republican, told reporters. He said the rules should have been rescinded earlier, contending that the number of vaccinated people, combined with those with antibodies from natural infections, "met the science and medical definitions of statewide immunity. We did that months ago."

The state experienced a third surge this spring, however, one that brought the country's worst case rate, record hospitalizations and thousands of deaths. Whitmer kept intact, but did not tighten, limits as she had during a second wave in the fall, citing the availability of vaccines. She has said occupancy caps, social distancing and face coverings saved lives.

The seven-day average of new infections was 198, the lowest rate in nearly a year.

Also Thursday, the governor got behind using a portion of Michigan's $6.5 billion in new federal virus relief funding to pay bonuses to frontline workers. Specifics of the developing proposal, which would need legislative approval, were not released. She and lawmakers included hazard bonuses or hourly pay raises for certain frontline staff in past spending laws.

"We will not stop until we recognize our essential workers, not just with a day of appreciation, but with hero pay that you have earned," Whitmer said while joining health care workers outside the Mission Point Nursing & Physical Rehabilitation Center in Detroit.

hp SPORTS

ANALYSIS

The NBA playoffs have entered survivor mode

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA champion this season will be the last team standing.

Perhaps literally.

Kawhi Leonard of the Los Angeles Clippers missed Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals with a knee sprain and amid concerns that it could be a far more significant injury. Brooklyn's Kyrie Irving has been sidelined by a badly sprained ankle. Philadelphia's Joel Embiid is playing through a meniscus tear. Atlanta's Trae Young is putting heat packs on his shoulder that appear to be roughly the size of a small vehicle. Brooklyn's James Harden came back despite an ailing hamstring.

Those are big names, All-Star names, all nowhere near their best right now because of injuries, and there were plenty of other top players – the Lakers' duo of LeBron James and Anthony Davis, Denver's Jamal Murray and Miami's Victor Oladipo among them – that also either limped to the finish of their seasons or saw them end prematurely because of serious injury.

"This is the best time of the year for our league and fans but missing a ton of our fav players," James tweeted on Wednesday. "It's insane. If there's one person that know about the body and how it works all year round it's ME! I speak for the health of all our players and I hate to see this many injuries this time of the year. Sorry fans wish you guys were seeing all your fav guys right now."

Consider the 27 players who were selected for the All-Star Game this season. Leonard becomes the eighth of those to have to miss a playoff game this season because of injury, joining Davis, Utah teammates Mike Conley and Donovan Mitchell, Boston's Jaylen Brown, Harden, Irving and Embiid.

Phoenix's Chris Paul might become the ninth on that list. He's not hurt. He's in protocols – that other thing that the league has had to fight with all season.

Even though the arenas are full and masks are now largely optional, the pandemic is still here and might have a say in how the rest of these playoffs go as well. Paul, who is vaccinated, has entered the protocols presumably because of a positive test – only one player tested positive this week, and he's the only one in the protocols. As such, his status for Game 1 of the Western Conference finals next week is unknown.

Another All-Star, another curveball from the basketball gods overseeing luck right now.

"Our guys are ready for the challenge," Phoenix coach Monty Williams said. "Everybody's dealing with it. Look around the league; Philly's got a situation, the Clippers have a situation, Utah's had one for a while. Everybody's dealing with it. So, we don't feel like we're

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Conference divisions at stake with CFP

Darron Cummings / AP

Ohio State running back Trey Sermon, right, scores past Northwestern defensive back JR Pace (5) during the second half of the Big Ten championship game on Dec. 19, 2020.

Officials gather at Big Ten offices to discuss postseason expansion

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

ROSEMONT, Ill. — The proposed 12-team College Football Playoff would make winning a conference more important than ever, with six spots reserved for league champions.

Every major college football conference plays a title game, but how the participants are determined – division winners or best overall records — differs.

On Thursday at the Big Ten Conference office outside Chicago, the college football leaders who manage the playoff opened two days of meetings they hope will end with consensus around the core piece of the plan: How many teams?

Already, though, the trickle down issues are starting to pop up, including finding the optimal way to determine a conference champion while also best positioning the league for playoff participation.

During the first seven seasons of the CFP, a conference has twice placed more than one team in the field of four. In 2017, Georgia and Alabama, which didn't even win its division, made it from the Southeastern Conference. Last year, the Atlantic Coast Conference, benefitting from Notre Dame's pandemic-induced league participation, placed both the Fighting Irish and Clemson in the playoff.

Notre Dame became the first team to lose a conference title game and reach the playoff.

If and when the playoff grows to 12, ideally conferences will want to

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Move to the 'burbs?

John Starks / Daily Herald via AP

The Chicago Bears have submitted a bid to buy a spacious suburban horse racing track site, Arlington International Racecourse. Their announcement signals a potential willingness to move out of downtown Soldier Field for a new stadium.

Chicago Bears submit bid to buy Arlington International Racecourse, signaling a willingness to leave Soldier Field

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears have submitted a bid to buy a spacious suburban horse racing track site, signaling a potential willingness to move out of downtown Soldier Field for a new stadium.

Bears President and CEO and Ted Phillips announced Thursday the club wants to purchase the Arlington International Racecourse, an iconic horse track in the city of Arlington Heights. It's about 30 miles northwest of their current lakefront venue.

"It's our obligation to explore every possible option to ensure we're doing what's best for our organization and its future. If selected, this step allows us to further evaluate the property and its potential," Phillips said in his statement.

Soldier Field is the oldest NFL stadium in operation, having opened in 1924. The Bears have only played there regularly since 1971 when they moved out of Wrigley Field – the 1914-built home of the baseball Cubs on the city's north side – for more seating capacity. Arlington Heights was considered for a home by the Bears in the 1970s and again in the '80s, but they settled in the popular museum campus area directly south of downtown with its view of Lake Michigan.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot last month noted the Bears have a lease with Soldier Field until 2033 and added "the NFL doesn't let any teams break their leases."

Soldier Field, which underwent a $690 million renovation in 2002 that forced the Bears to play home games at the University of Illinois in Champaign, is owned by the Chicago Park District. The spaceship-shaped, glass-dominated addition of luxury areas and modern amenities was designed to preserve the stadium's famous Greek and Romanesque colonnades, but the clash of styles prompted widespread criticism.

The ability of the grass playing field to hold up through the colder and wetter months has also been the subject of complaints from players and coaches over the years. Soldier Field now has a capacity of 61,500 seats for Bears games, smallest in the NFL.

The horse track, which opened in 1927, is on a 326-acre site and is currently owned by Churchill Downs, the organization that runs the Kentucky Derby. Arlington Heights Mayor Tom Hayes said in a statement to the Daily Herald that the city welcomes the Bears' interest in the site.

"It is a one-of-a-kind location and we are glad that the Bears ownership sees its tremendous potential," Hayes said.

The next-oldest stadium in the league behind Soldier Field is Green Bay's Lambeau Field, which opened in 1957. The home of the Packers has been renovated multiple times, with major projects completed in 2003 and 2015.

Henley has happy return to Torrey Pines

4-under shot before winds picked up off Pacific Ocean

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — Russell Henley's visit to the rough-and-tumble South course at Torrey Pines went a lot better Thursday than the last time he played, especially under the circumstances.

121ST U.S. OPEN
TORREY PINES

Anything around par never hurts in a U.S. Open. He opened with a 4-under 67, finishing just as the wind off the Pacific was kicking into gear.

■ Complete results of the first round were unavailable by deadline.

"If it's blowing like this the whole week, it's just going to be a hard week. That's kind of what you want in a U.S. Open, though, right?" Henley said.

Henley got up-and-down by holing a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole for a one-shot lead over Francesco Molinari and Rafa Cabrera Bello among early starters.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka, looking tough as ever in the strongest events, and San Diego native Xander Schauffele were at 69.

A 90-minute fog delay before the opening tee shot meant the first round had no chance of being completed until Friday morning.

The difference between Torrey Pines for a PGA Tour stop in January and Torrey for the toughest test in golf? Henley couldn't say. He has only played the Farmers Insurance Open one time, in 2014, and it was memorable for the wrong reasons. He holed a 40-foot shot on the 18th hole for birdie to break 80.

That's about all he remembers ex-

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Hendricks wins 7th straight start as Cubs beat Mets

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Kyle Hendricks flummoxed the Mets for six innings to win his career-best seventh straight start, Javier Báez hit a two-run homer in the first off Marcus Stroman and the Chicago Cubs beat New York 2-0 Thursday night to avoid a four-game series sweep.

Cubs 2 Mets 0

Hendricks (9-4) struck out seven and walked two, retiring his last eight batters after consecutive walks in the fourth.

He improved to 4-0 against the Mets, who had trouble adjusting to his relatively soft arsenal. The fastest of his 92 pitches was 89.3 mph; his 87.1 mph fastball average entering the game was 186th among 188 qualified pitchers, ahead of only Adam Cimber of Miami (86.9) and submarining Tyler Rogers of San Francisco (82.3), according to MLB Statcast.

Hendricks had allowed eight home runs in his previous four starts and a major league-high 19 coming in.

Andrew Chafin, pitching on his 31st birthday, combined with Ryan Tepera and Craig Kimbrel for three innings of perfect relief, and the final Mets 17 batters were retired in order in the combined two-hitter. Kimbrel got his 19th save in 21 chances, tying for the major league lead.

Chicago pitched just its third shutout of the season but second in five games. The Cubs got a win despite hitting .138 (17 for 123) in the series with nine runs with eight walks and 49 strikeouts.

Kathy Willens / AP

Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Kyle Hendricks winds up during the fifth inning of Thursday's game.

Neither team had a hit after the fourth inning, combining to go 0 for their last 34.

Stroman (6-5) gave up four hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Following Kris Bryant's walk in the first, Báez hit a hanging slider into the motorized 18-by-16-foot apple in the center field batter's eye that is raised to celebrate Mets home runs. Báez's 16th home run this season was his second of the series.

New York lost for only the third time in its last 17 home games and is 20-7 at Citi Field.

Bryant was back at third base and went 1 for 4 with two strikeouts, two nights after he was hit on the right hand by a Taijaun Walker pitch. Bryant's throwing hand was wrapped.

Up next

Cubs: RHP Zach Davies (4-3, 4.01) starts Friday's homestand opener against Miami.

Buchanan baseball falls in state semis

By HP STAFF

Top-ranked Buchanan lost a pitcher's duel in the Division 3 state semifinals on Thursday at Michigan State University, falling 2-0 to No. 2 Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

Liggett 2 Buchanan 0

Liggett's Kurt Barr pitched a two-hit shutout with nine strikeouts to snap the Bucks' 20-game win streak. Matthew Hoover tossed a complete game for Buchanan (34-3), allowing just three hits with five strikeouts and five walks.

Liggett (30-5) scored both its runs in the top of the first inning.

Jarren Purify led off with a walk, stole second and later scored on a single by Matthew Greene. Ryan Jones drove in Greene with a double.

Keeghan Pelley had a double and Deagan Huffman a single for the Bucks' only two hits. Buchanan's best chance came in the bottom of the fourth, when Hoover reached on an error and Jack Branch was hit by a pitch, but the Bucks left two runners in scoring position.

Buchanan won its sixth straight district title this season, and made its second semifinal appearance in that time span.

The Bucks were Division 3 state runner-up in 2015.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 2, BUCHANAN 0

Liggett	200	000	0	—	2	3	1
Buchanan	000	000	0	—	0	2	0

WP – Kurt Barr 9k. LP – Matthew Hoover 5k. Top hitters – Liggett: Jarren Purify 1b; Matthew Greene 1b, RBI; Ryan Jones 2b, RBI. Buchanan: Deagan Huffman 1b; Keeghan Pelley 2b.
Records – Liggett 30-5, Buchanan 34-3.

Michel Euler / AP

Spain's Rafael Nadal waves after losing to Serbia's Novak Djokovic in their semifinal match of the French Open on June 11.

Nadal, Osaka both out for Wimbledon

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

Rafael Nadal and Naomi Osaka are sitting out Wimbledon, leaving the oldest Grand Slam tennis tournament without two of the sport's biggest stars as it returns after being canceled last year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Nadal, a two-time champion at the All England Club, announced via a series of social media posts Thursday that he would also miss the Tokyo Olympics to rest and recover "after listening to my body."

"The goal," the 35-year-old Spaniard said, "is to prolong my career and continue to do what makes me happy."

Osaka's agent, Stuart Duguid, said Thursday in an email that the four-time Grand Slam champion does plan to head to the Summer Games after skipping Wimbledon.

"She is taking some personal time with friends and family," Duguid wrote. "She will be ready for the Olympics and is excited to play in front of her home fans."

Osaka is a 23-year-old who was born in Japan to a Japanese mother and Haitian father; the family moved to the United States when she was 3 and she is still based there.

Osaka has been ranked No. 1 and is currently No. 2; she is the highest-earning female athlete and was the 2020 AP Female Athlete of the Year. She is 14-3 this season, including a title at the Australian Open in February.

Last month, Osaka was fined $15,000 when she didn't speak to reporters after her first-round victory at the French Open. The next day, Osaka pulled out of the tournament entirely, saying she experiences "huge waves of anxiety" before meeting with the media and revealing she has "suffered long bouts of depression."

In a statement posted on Twitter at the time, she said she would "take some time away from the court now, but when the time is right I really want to work with the Tour to discuss ways we can make things better for the players, press and fans."

Osaka has played at Wimbledon three times, twice exiting in the third round and losing in the first round in 2019.

Another Grand Slam title winner, 2020 U.S. Open champion Dominic Thiem, tweeted Thursday that he will not go to the Olympics, saying: "I don't feel ready to play my best in Tokyo."

Wimbledon, which was called off in 2020 for the first time since World War II because of COVID-19 concerns, begins main-draw play on June 28. The Olympic tennis competition opens on July 24.

Nadal lost to Novak Djokovic in four grueling sets that lasted more than four hours in the semifinals of the French Open last week – just the third loss for Nadal in 108 career matches at Roland Garros, where he has won a record 13 championships.

That defeat ended Nadal's 35-match winning streak at the clay-court major tournament and his bid for a fifth consecutive title there.

Nadal is tied with Roger Federer for the most Grand Slam titles won by a man with 20; Djokovic went on to win the French Open on Sunday for his 19th major.

Nadal's Slam total includes trophies at Wimbledon in 2008 and 2010. He also owns two Olympic gold medals, in singles at the 2008 Beijing Games and in doubles with Marc Lopez at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games, where Nadal was Spain's flag bearer at the opening ceremony.

In 2012, Nadal pulled out of the London Olympics and the U.S. Open because of knee tendinitis.

Nadal said having only two weeks between the end of the French Open and the start of Wimbledon this year – normally there are three, but play in Paris was delayed a week because of COVID-19 concerns – "didn't make it easier" for him to recover from "the always demanding" clay-court season.

After the loss to Djokovic at Roland Garros, Nadal pointed to fatigue as an issue for him in the later stages of that match.

On Thursday, he explained in one his tweets that avoiding "any kind of excess" wear and tear on his body "is a very important factor at this stage of my career in order to try to keep fighting for the highest level of competition and titles."

A former No. 1-ranked player who currently is No. 3, Nadal is 23-4 with two titles this season in Barcelona and Rome, both on clay courts.

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cept for "leaving the course feeling like I just got beat up."

There was plenty of bruising going on Thursday in the U.S. Open.

Former U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson had to birdie the last hole to break 80. Max Homa four-putted from 20 feet for triple bogey on No. 12 and three-putted for double bogey on No. 14. That led to a 76.

PGA champion Phil Mickelson, who turned 51 on Wednesday, shot a 75 on Thursday. That's not the start he hoped for in his bid to finally get a U.S. Open title for the career Grand Slam. What bothered him were two soft bogeys toward the end of his round.

"Look, it's part of this tournament, and I was able to go without any doubles. I just didn't make enough birdies to offset it," Mickelson said.

Defending champion Bryson DeChambeau, world No. 1 Dustin Johnson and Jon Rahm were among those playing in the afternoon.

There were a few cheers for "Bryson" directed at Koepka as fans tried to keep their feud going, though Koepka didn't appear to be the least bit distracted. This is a major, and he showed why he's called "Big Game Brooks" when the biggest tournaments roll around.

For so much of the day, Koepka made it look easy by keeping it in the short grass, off the tee and on the green. He was bogey-free and 4 under through 11 holes when he missed the green on the par-3 third and made bogey, and he dropped another shot from on the sixth, which has been converted to a par 4 for the U.S. Open.

Even so, it was a solid start for Koepka, a four-time major champion coming off a runner-up finish to Mickelson at the PGA Championship. It wasn't easy. He made it sound that way.

"It's pretty simple. It's a lot simpler than what guys make it," Koepka said. "I think a lot of guys make it more difficult than it needs to be. Just got to understand where the flag is, what you're doing and where to miss it."

The surprise might have been Molinari, the former British Open champion who has not been the same since losing a two-shot lead on the back nine at the Masters two years ago that paved the way for Tiger Woods slipping on another green jacket.

The Italian had to pull out of the PGA Championship with a sore back. He mentioned other nagging injuries. He's had three top 10s this year. He also has missed the cut in three of the last four tournaments he played. But he was solid at Torrey, and two birdies over his last three allowed him to match his best start in a U.S. Open.

"There's no tricks. You need to grind and fight for 18 holes and then relax until tomorrow and start over again," he said. "I haven't played recently, so it's nice to get off to a good start, but there's a long way to go. Start over tomorrow like nothing happened today."

Henley was among three players from the early draw who reached 4 under at some point, and the only player who stayed there thanks to his birdie at the end.

Koepka played his final seven holes with two bogeys, no birdies and no complaints. Patrick Rodgers was 4 under with five holes to play until he dropped three shots coming in. That didn't rattle him too much, either.

"I really felt like I played decently coming in, but just playing a U.S. Open, you're sometimes a bounce away or a lip-out away from a tough hole or a tough situation," Rodgers said. "That's just part of this event."

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the only ones dealing with a situation when it comes to health and trying to stay healthy. It's what you prepare for as a staff and as a team and we feel like our guys are ready for whatever presents itself."

Some injuries, it can be argued, may have happened because of an accumulation of wear and tear in a compressed 72-game season. Others were simply acute, the bad luck variety. Irving landing on Giannis Antetokounmpo's foot and twisting his ankle had nothing to do with the Nets playing a bunch of back to backs this season. James labored through a high ankle sprain for the rest of the season after getting crashed into by Atlanta's Solomon Hill. More bad luck.

"Injury rates were virtually the same this season as they were during the 2019-20 season while starter-level and All-Star players missed games due to injury at similar rates as the last three seasons," NBA spokesman Mike Bass said. "While injuries are an unfortunate reality of our game, we recognize the enormous sacrifices NBA players and teams have made to play through this pandemic."

And it should be mentioned that injuries also played a role in last season's playoffs, and probably have in every season's playoffs. Miami was without Goran Dragic and Bam Adebayo for much of the NBA Finals last fall against James, Davis and the Lakers; the Heat lost that series in six games.

But there's no denying that this regular season was dominated by the pandemic and by injuries. It's unfortunate, though weirdly fitting, that the playoffs are following suit.

A month or so from now, the NBA will have a new champion. Odds are, it'll be the team that stays the healthiest the rest of the way.

CFP

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create title game matchups that bolster their chances to get more than one team in the field because the other six slots will be filled by a selection committee.

The ACC did that last year by scrapping its divisions. Divisions are back in the ACC in 2021 and Notre Dame is gone, returning to its cherished independence.

But the future of conference' being split into divisions is uncertain.

"My initial reaction would be, you know, divisional play has been pretty fun," Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "You look across the conferences, it's created some new rivalries. It's enhanced some long-standing rivalries. It's been great for a lot of fan bases in some leagues."

Among Power Five conferences, the Big Ten, SEC, ACC and Pac-12 use divisions to determine their championship game matchups; the Big 12 goes with the top two teams in the regular-season standings. In the Group Five, the American Athletic Conference has no divisions but the others do.

Fitzgerald's fondness for divisions becomes apparent when looking back at those Northwestern teams.

The Wildcats won the Big Ten West and played Ohio State in the conference title game twice in the last three years.

Using the final CFP rankings from those seasons, the Wildcats would not have reached the playoff in either year after losing to the Buckeyes.

But just getting to Indianapolis and being able to hang a banner for being a division winner is a big deal for Northwestern.

The 2018 Wildcats reached the Big Ten title game with an 8-4 record, having lost all three of their nonconference games. The proposed 12-team playoff plan is not friendly to that sort of division winner.

The six highest-ranked conference champions are guaranteed a spot in the playoff and the top four get byes.

But no league has an automatic bid. Under that structure a conference championship game upset can do more damage than good to a league.

Would that 2018 Northwestern team, ranked 21st by the playoff committee heading into the Big Ten title game, have made a 12-team playoff and given the Big Ten an additional playoff team? Or would they have just cost the Buckeyes a bye and still been left out of the field?

The prospect of a championship-game upset costing a conference a playoff team is even more of a threat in the Group of Five conferences. Looking back at what the playoff field would have looked like with 12 teams dating back to 2014 – the CFP's debut season – only once would more than one team outside the Power Five conferences have made the field. And that was last season, which was anything but typical because of the pandemic.

The goal for those conferences is to have a champion that is also the best hope to be chosen for the playoff and divisions are more likely to prevent that than help.

Using the final CFP standings for each playoff season here is how many times both the winner and loser of a conference's title game would have made a 12-team playoff:

SEC – 4 (2017-20)
Big Ten – 4 (2015-17, 19).
ACC – 3 (2015, 17, 20).
Pac-12 – 3 (2104, 16, 19)
*Big 12 – 2 (2019-20)
*Big 12 title game was restored in 2017.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Wednesday, June 16
Atlanta 109, Phila. 106, Alanta leads series tied 3-2
L.A. Clippers 110, Utah 111, L.A. Clippers lead series 3-2
Thursday, June 17
Brooklyn at Milwaukee
Friday, June 18
Phila. at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 19
x-Milwaukee at Brooklyn, TBD
Sunday, June 20
x-Atlanta at Phila., TBD
x-L.A. Clippers at Utah, TBD

NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
Wednesday, June 16
Montreal 3, Vegas 2, series tied 1-1
Thursday, June 17
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Friday, June 18
Vegas at Montreal, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 19
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 20
Vegas at Montreal, 8 p.m.

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	43	26	.623	—
Boston	42	27	.609	1
New York	35	32	.522	7
Toronto	33	33	.500	8½
Baltimore	22	46	.324	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	25	.632	—
Cleveland	38	28	.576	4
Kansas City	30	37	.448	12½
Detroit	29	39	.426	14
Minnesota	27	41	.397	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	43	27	.614	—
Houston	39	28	.582	2½
Seattle	34	36	.486	9
Los Angeles	33	35	.485	9
Texas	25	43	.368	17

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 6, Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
Oakland 8, L.A. Angels 4
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 2
Cleveland 8, Baltimore 7
Houston 8, Texas 4
Boston 10, Atlanta 8
Minnesota 7, Seattle 2

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 10, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
Chicago White Sox at Houston
Detroit at L.A. Angels
Tampa Bay at Seattle
Friday's Games
Cleveland (Mejia 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Kaprielian 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Ray 4-2) at Baltimore (Zimmermann 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Berríos 7-2) at Texas (Foltynewicz 1-7), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Pivetta 6-2) at Kansas City (Kowar 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodón 6-2) at Houston (Garcia 5-4), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Ureña 2-6) at L.A. Angels (Cobb 4-2), 9:38 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wacha 1-1) at Seattle (Kikuchi 3-3), 10:10 p.m.

National League

At A Glance

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	35	26	.574	—
Philadelphia	33	33	.500	4½
Atlanta	31	35	.470	6½
Washington	30	35	.462	7
Miami	29	39	.426	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	39	30	.565	—
Milwaukee	38	30	.559	½
Cincinnati	35	31	.530	2½
St. Louis	35	34	.507	4
Pittsburgh	23	44	.343	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	44	25	.638	—
Los Angeles	41	27	.603	2½
San Diego	38	32	.543	6½
Colorado	28	41	.406	16
Arizona	20	50	.286	24½

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis 1, Miami 0
Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 8, San Diego 7
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Boston 10, Atlanta 8
San Francisco 13, Arizona 7
Philadelphia 2, L.A. Dodgers 0
Thursday's Games
San Francisco 10, Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 0
Cincinnati at San Diego
Milwaukee at Colorado
Friday's Games
Cleveland (Mejia 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lucchesi 1-4) at Washington (Fedde 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 3-7) at Atlanta (Fried 3-4), 7:20 p.m.
Miami (López 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Davies 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Burnes 3-4) at Colorado (Senzatela 2-7), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Bauer 6-5) at Arizona (Smith 2-2), 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-1) at San Francisco (Cueto 4-3), 9:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Santillan 0-0) at San Diego (Paddack 3-5), 10:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed OF Adam Eaton on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Zack Burdi from Charlotte (Triple-A East).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Selected the contract of C Ryan Lavarnway from Columbus (Triple-A East). Placed C Austin Hedges on the 7-day IL, retroactive to June 16. Transferred CF Jordan Luplow from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Miguel Del Pozo to Toledo (Triple-A East). Recalled RHP Matt Manning from Toledo (Triple-A East).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed 3B Alex Bregman on the 10-day IL. Recalled C Garrett Stubbs from Sugar Land (Triple-A West).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned CF Edward Olivares to Omaha (Triple-A East). Purchased the contract of RHP Jose Cuas from Long Island (Atlantic League). Purchased the contract of RHP Kipp Rollings from Joliet (Frontier League).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Traded INF Mike Ford to Tampa Bay in exchange for cash considerations and a player to be named later.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Chris Mazza and INF Mike Ford to Durham (Triple-A East). Transferred RHP Tyler Glasnow from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL. Reinstated RHP Collin McHugh from the 10-day IL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Acquired RHP Dennis Santana from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange LHP Kelvin Bautista, then optioned him to Round Rock (Triple-A West). Designated LHP Hyeon-jong Yang for assignment.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed RHP Tyler Ferguson to a minor league contract. Optioned LHP Kyle Muller to Gwinnett (Triple-A East). Recalled RHP Jacob Webb from Gwinnett.
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Robert Stock to Iowa (Triple-A East). Recalled LHP Brad Wieck from Iowa.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated LHP Garrett Cleavinger from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF Luke Raley to Oklahoma City (Triple-A West). Sent OF Yoshi Tsutsugo to Oklahoma City on a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Reinstated OF Derek Fisher from the 10-day IL. Optioned 2B Tim Lopes to Nashville (Triple-A East).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Signed LHP Wade LeBlanc. Transferred 2B Max Moroff from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Seth Elledge to Memphis (Triple-A East).

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DISCUSS FOR THE NEXT HALF HOUR?
I DON'T CARE. YOU CHOOSE
YOU REALLY DON'T CARE?
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!
POLITICS
NOPE, CHOOSE AGAIN!
SHIP SHIP

HI & LOIS

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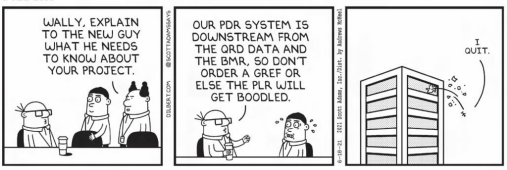

WALLY, EXPLAIN TO THE NEW GUY WHAT HE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR PROJECT.
OUR PDR SYSTEM IS DOWNSTREAM FROM THE QRD DATA AND THE BMR. SO DON'T ORDER A GREF OR ELSE THE PLR WILL GET BOODLED.
I QUIT.

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

WESLEY! I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU'RE STANPING UP FOR ME!
STOP HATE!
FRIENDS LIKE YOU HELP ME GET THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES.
PROTECT ASIAN LIVES
CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING WHILE YOU'RE OUT HERE?
STOP ASIAN HATE
A DEFIBRILLATOR.
LOVE EACH OTHER

PICKLES

I THINK ROSCOE WANTS YOU TO RUB HIS BELLY.
YEAH, YOU LOVE IT WHEN I RUB YOUR BELLY, DON'T YOU, BOY?
SKRITCHA SKRITCH!
TIME FOR DINNER. WASH YOUR HANDS GOOD IF YOU'VE BEEN TOUCHING THE DOG.
SOMETIMES THE EMOTIONAL HIGHS AND LOWS AROUND HERE REALLY GET TO ME.

FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

AH-HA! THAT'S HIM! THE YARD POOPER!
WOW. HE'S HUGE.
GO AWAY! SHOO!
HE'S NOT LEAVING.
AREN'T YOU GOING OVER THERE?
I WANT TO GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND. NOT A PIECE OF MY LEG.

CURTIS

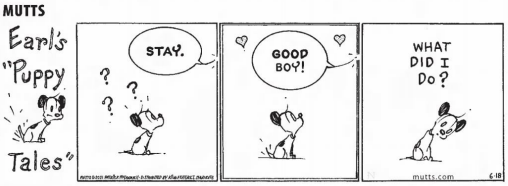
CURTIS, WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH ALL THAT FOOD?
TO MY ROOM! I'LL BE PLAYING MORTAL KOMBAT IN A LIVE VIRTUAL GAMING CONFERENCE ALL DAY!
CURTIS REALLY HAS AN OBSESSION WITH VIDEO GAMES
BETTER THAT THAN THE NATIONAL OBSESSION WITH GUNS!
TRUE WORDS.

ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

WHAT IF WE ALL--US, JACKIE AND RALPH...YOUR, UH...MOTHER--RENT A CABIN BY A LAKE THIS SUMMER?
6-18
THAT WAY WE CAN BE TOGETHER WITH FAMILY BUT ALSO SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT, FINALLY YET SAFELY?
I REALLY LIKE THAT IDEA, TED!
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0150 GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

Coloma, MI
BIG Garage Sale
Fishing, tools, furniture, EVERYTHING!
Thurs 6/17 & Fri 6/18 - 9:00-4:00
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Royalton Township, MI
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Ongoing - Wed 6/16 - Fri 6/18
10:00am - 5:00pm
See estatesales.net for additional information and pictures.

St. Joseph, MI
Garage Sale -
Friday, June 18th 10:00-6:00 & Saturday, June 19th 9:00-4:00
Raindate Sunday.
2623 Botham Ct., St. Joseph
Women's, men's & children's clothing, household items, jewelry, sports equipment, Christmas decor, books, toys, yard tools, miscellaneous items.

Baroda, MI
Garage Sale -June 19 8am-3pm
6606 Lincoln Ave., Baroda
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Benton Harbor, MI
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Saint Joseph
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Department: Police Department

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The City of Benton Harbor's Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, Benton Harbor City Hall, 200 East Wall Street on a proposed Special Use Permit for 326 E. Main Street (11-54-0340-0243-00-1) for the purpose of a provisioning center.

Written comments can be submitted via email to **kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov** or delivered to the City Clerk's Office, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan between the office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline for submission is Friday, July 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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All interested parties are urged to attend.

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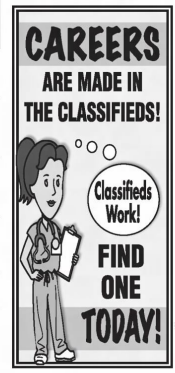

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Concentrate on what's important to you. Stay away from uncertain or confusing situations. Focus on using your skills and attributes to excel. Revenge will stand between you and your dreams. Let go of the past and head into the future with optimism, honesty, trust and hope.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Persuasive tactics may work initially, but they will eventually affect your reputation if you don't deliver. Protect your integrity by making a point to stick to the truth. Do the best job possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Put your energy where it will do some good. Concentrate on home improvement projects that will encourage you to be more aggressive when earning a living and handling your financial future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Share your plans with someone special. The interest you receive will increase your enthusiasm and help you complete what you set out to do. Make a commitment that complements your long-term goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tidy up loose ends and make changes that will give you the freedom to do things that bring you joy. An open mind will lead to prospects far beyond your initial plans. Put your energy where it counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Think, research and turn your plans into a reality. A passionate approach will lead to new beginnings and a stable future. Refuse to let anyone mess with your mind. Trust the facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make the most of what you've got. Expand your plans to include fixing up your space to accommodate your goals. Creating a place of learning and enlightenment will help you as well as others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take one step at a time. Don't rush into something based on vague advice. Do your due diligence and sort through the pros and cons before you make a big change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll gravitate toward change and adventure. Someone or something unique will spark your imagination and encourage you to engage in a lifestyle that will be volatile before it stabilizes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are heading in the right direction. Follow your heart, and you'll discover your true calling. Weather the storm; the calm that follows will lead to the happiness you desire.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Expand your interests, take on a new hobby and engage in pastimes that build strength and courage. Put more energy into building and maintaining meaningful relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Clear up any uncertainty you face quickly and intelligently. Ask questions, summarize what's required to reach your objective and finish what you start. Enjoy some time in nature.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Tie up loose ends and enjoy the finer things in life. Plan to spend time doing something you enjoy with a loved one. A change will be revitalizing and inspirational.

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BRIEF

From page B5

Wildlife will visit Benton Harbor Public Library, 213 E. Wall St.

The kick-off event for the Tails and Tales summer reading program will feature wild and exotic animals. It will be in the Resiliency Plaza outdoors next to the library parking lot.

The library's Junior Department will offer several online and in-person reading programs this summer. Children 18 and younger can enter online at www.bentonharborlibrary.com by clicking on the Beanstack link, or by obtaining a reading log at the library.

Thursdays at Three events being July 1

BENTON HARBOR — At 3 p.m. July 1, Benton Harbor Public Library, 213 E. Wall St., will kick off its weekly Thursdays at Three Family Fun program in the outdoor Resiliency Plaza.

Attendees will chalk the walk on July 1. Future programs will feature Sarett Nature Center, Bolt the Library Dog, the Balloon Guy, a magic show, and a back-to-school bash.

Animal balloon artist visiting Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library will host animal balloon sculpting with Mr. Jim at 11 a.m. June 25 at Lake Township Park, 10801 Gast Road.

Children in preschool through fifth grade can watch Mr. Jim and learn how to twist balloons into animals.

Attendees should bring a mask and a blanket or lawn chair.

MEDICAL PEOPLE

New provider seeing patients in St. Joseph

BIERHALTER

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland has added Hayley Bierhalter, PA, to its medical staff.

Bierhalter is seeing patients alongside a team of five physicians and one nurse practitioner at Lakeland Primary Care, Royalton, 3950 Hollywood Road, Suite 270.

Bierhalter earned a Master of Physician Assistant degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

She completed several clinical rotations in surgery, women's health, internal medicine and emergency medicine.

She previously worked as a patient care assistant at Mercy Health in Grand Rapids.

"We are pleased to continue expanding our primary care practice, which serves patients in St. Joseph and the surrounding communities," James Savoie, director of primary care practices for Spectrum Health Lakeland, said in a news release. "We look forward to welcoming Hayley to our growing team, and know her well-rounded clinical background will be a great asset to our community."

Lakeland Primary Care, Royalton cares for adult and geriatric patients, offering wellness checks, chronic disease management and immunizations, among other services. The practice also hosts the Spectrum Health Lakeland internal medicine residency program, offering patients access to 23 doctors in addition to the established medical staff.

For more information, visit lakelandprimarymed.com or call 983-0500.

Items for Medical People should be sent to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or emailed to focus@TheHP.com.

Do glasses that block blue light help?

Sitting behind a computer screen all day can strain your eyes, but do glasses that claim to block blue light really help?

Dr. Muriel Schornack, a Mayo Clinic optometrist, says the macula is the area of the retina in your eye that is responsible for processing your clear central vision.

The macula can be sensitive to blue light, which is a part of the visible light spectrum and is emitted from electronic devices such as cellphones, computer monitors and TVs. But most blue light that people are exposed to comes from the sun.

"There is a theory that if you are exposed to high levels of blue light, the macula could be damaged," Schornack says. "The second theory is that blue light tends to be excitatory for the central nervous system. So if you are exposed to blue light immediately before you try to go to sleep, your central nervous system has just been told that it should wake up by that blue light."

A recent study on eyeglasses that filter out blue light did not find any evidence to support those theories. Schornack says some people may feel more comfortable wearing glasses that block blue light, but she doesn't actively recommend them to her patients.

"They may be very useful for some people. And I'm certainly not decrying their use in folks who find them to be helpful," Schornack says. "But I would also assure people that, as of yet, there is not strong evidence that blue light-filtering glasses are necessary to preserve macular health, nor do they have a significant effect on your circadian rhythm or sleep-wake cycles."

– Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

BLOOD DRIVES

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Niles District Library, rotunda, 620 E. Main St.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 26, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 27, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-7 p.m. June 30, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

American Red Cross

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. today, St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 28 W. Ash St., Three Oaks.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Pleasant View Church of Christ, 60550 Crooked Creek Road, Cassopolis.

■ 1-5:45 p.m. June 28, American Legion Post 365, 25751 U.S. Highway 12, Edwardsburg.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. To find more drives, visit www.redcrossblood.org, givebloodnow.com or donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip.

Southwest Michigan COVID-19 vaccine resources

■ Berrien County Health Department vaccine information and appointment self-scheduling: www.bchdmi.org/1745/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information

■ BCHD vaccine info for those without internet access: 800-815-5485

■ Bronson registration list: www.bronsonhealth.com/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine

■ InterCare Health Network: Walk-in vaccinations available for ages 12 and older, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 855-869-6900

■ Meijer pharmacies, Benton Harbor and Stevensville: clinic.meijer.com or text "COVID" to 75049

■ Most area Rite Aids: www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier

■ Spectrum Health Lakeland appointment self-scheduling: www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/covid19

■ Van Buren/Cass District Health Department vaccine waitlist: vbcassdhd.org/covid-19-vaccine

■ Walgreens: 800-925-4733 or www.walgreens.com

■ Walmart: www.walmart.com/cp/flu-shots-immunizations/1228302

■ Van's Pharmacy, St. Joseph: 983-4802 or vanspharmacy.com

■ Regional vaccine information: vaccinatewestmi.com

■ State vaccine information: bit.ly/2MoJUCh

■ Volunteer to help BCHD and Lakeland with vaccination clinics: bit.ly/3qxvChH

ON CAMPUS

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Galien – Dorian Erickson, Sophia Lozmack, Lauren Streefling

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Lawrence – Abby Matheny, Sara Matheny, Sara Shugars, Cassandra Tule

New Buffalo – Eleanor Hart

New Troy – Elizabeth Cox

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The following area students have been named to a college or university's president's list.

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Dowagiac – Matthew Nelson

Eau Claire – Anna Kietzerow

Hartford – Mariela Gutierrez Quintana, Amalia Perez

Lawrence – Gavin Winkel

New Buffalo – Yasmine Boyd, Michael Mark

Niles – Megan Adkerson, Daniel Bates, Grace Burge, Jacob Gondeck, Sydni Huff, Jessica Layman, Janenne Mercer, Joshua Newport, Mark Pacheco, Linda Zheng

Paw Paw – Kiarra Herson

St. Joseph – Alexis Finch, Adrian Keeler, Charlie Kern, Hannah Krueger, Carol Manning, Steven Manning, Hugh McDougall, Kimberly Myers, Claire Norland, Madelyn Ostenson, Christopher Schmidt, Anna Taylor, Ivy Zaroff

South Haven – Genevieve Deschaine, David Galante, Faith Gray, Nadia Rocha, Jessieka Schultz, Seth Webster

Stevensville – Conner Annis, Justin Beckrow, Lillian Hoose, Emma Meyer, Olivia Miller, Noah Newman, Sophie Paar, Olivia Pauls, Karen Smith

Three Oaks – Davyd Bronson, Shelly Keller, Ella Olson

Watervliet – Heather Frank, Augustus Hinch, Katelynn Maruk

Midwestern State University Wichita Falls, Texas

St. Joseph – Serena Burns

Mississippi College Clinton, Miss.

Niles – Ann Marks

Southern New Hampshire University Manchester, N.H.

Edwardsburg – Ashley Wright

Watervliet – Christopher Hardy

Southwestern Michigan College Dowagiac

Benton Harbor – Aaron Estrada, Takajh Favorite

Berrien Springs – Abigail Trecartin

Bridgman – Angela Harazin, Erin Rochefort

Buchanan – Taylor Masse, Rachel Weaver

Cassopolis – Harleigh Besaw, Isabelle Ferguson

Coloma – John Golob

Decatur – Colby Ogrin

Dowagiac – Elizabeth Babler, Brenna Fisher, Peytin Lee, Thomas Pence, Desiree Raab, Jossalyn Rogalski

Eau Claire – Fernando Pinon-Cardenas, Cheyenne Steinke

Edwardsburg – Jackson Hoover, Ellie Stankiewicz

Hartford – Jovani Diaz-Calderon

Lawrence – Hannah Lanphear

New Buffalo – China Bendiner

Niles – Shawn Calhoun, Elijah Craft, Shelby Ison, Brenna Lewis, Hayley Lloyd, Elise Loucks, Stephanie Palmisano, Samantha Roberts, Jared Sergio

St. Joseph – Julia Eva Rydin Vandalia – Craig Mothorpe

Trine University Angola, Ind.

Berrien Springs – James Kellerstrass

Niles – Jacob Ruelle

Stevensville – James Thomas

University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Benton Harbor – Kelli Elston

St. Joseph – Julia Service, William Lage

University of the Cumberlands Williamsburg, Ky.

Stevensville – Sara Frazier

Chancellor's list

The following area students have been named to a university's chancellor's list.

University of Mississippi Oxford, Miss.

Watervliet – Kelly Marie Hennessy

Honor society

The following area student has been inducted into a university's honor society.

Andrews University Berrien Springs

Berrien Springs – Nana Ama Akoto-Boateng, Amanda Asafo-Adjei, Joseph Crews, Gerrett Fox, Lawrence Graack, Ivan Flores-Heilbron, Ji Hyun An, Jonathan Stephan, Jaija Perry, Kameron Hanna, Marlinda King, James Mello, Nashonie Chang, Odiaka Walker, David Springer, Uriel Garcia Millan – all Phi Kappa Phi

St. Joseph – Elianna Fisher, Phi Kappa Phi

Niles – Kristina Freed, Phi Kappa Phi

Manchester University North Manchester, Ind.

Niles – Carly Greaves, Sigma Tau Delta

University of Wisconsin Madison, Wis.

Eau Claire – Paul Donavin, Phi Kappa Phi